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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Anuschirwan PEYMAN et al.

Application No.: 10/004,422

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For: **NEW GUANIDINE AND AMIDINE**

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated April 18, 2003, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages:

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To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, the prior art references when combined must teach or suggest all the claim elements. M.P.E.P. § 2143 (8th ed. 2001). Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has failed to establish this requirement.

Both of these references were discussed in detail above. Applicants respectfully submit that, for the reasons discussed above, the combination of references fails to teach or suggest all the claim elements. Specifically, neither reference teaches or suggests that claimed compound of formula (I) wherein R₀, Q, Q', X, and D are as presently defined.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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